

Good morning,

My name is Elyse Krantz, and I am a voter from Southington. Passing both S.B. 184 and H.B. 5262 is extremely important to me.

While COVID-19 case numbers are currently waning in the state of Connecticut, the fact still remains that - as of March 2, 2022 - the average daily COVID-19 death rate across the U.S. was 1,800. Viruses like COVID will never go away, and another outbreak caused by a variant (similar to Omicron) will most likely hit Connecticut hard, just like we were hit with a record-breaking 10,000+ new daily cases of COVID in early January.

People who are unable to be vaccinated, have children who are too young to be vaccinated, are home sick with COVID, or are immunocompromised should not be asked to risk their lives (or the lives of their neighbors) by requiring them to vote in person. Voting through an absentee ballot, which has been shown to be both safe and effective, is the best way to protect voters' rights during these uncertain times.

I firmly believe that the voters of Connecticut should be able to vote this year by absentee ballot as COVID19 persists.

Thank you,
Elyse Krantz